

## Notice of Exemption

**To:**

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**Project Title:** Santa Cruz County, CSA 51 323 Hopkins Gulch Road Storm Damage Repair Project (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SCR-22314-R3).

**Project Location (Santa Cruz County):** The Project is located at Hopkins Gulch, a tributary to Bear Creek, at 323 Hopkins Gulch Road, Boulder Creek, CA, 95006, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 37.14037, Longitude -122.10134; APN 089-111-41.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SCR-22314-R3, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works.

The Project is limited to the repair of a 70 linear foot slip out approximately 0.2 miles up Hopkins Gulch Road. The Project will remove debris as a result of the slip out including man-made debris such as pavement, rock slope protection (RSP), and trash, and vegetation that interferes with construction access. A new 60-foot long soldier pile wall will be installed west (downslope) of the roadway. A six-inch plastic pipe wall down drain will be installed to drain materials behind the new wall. The pipe will outlet into a 6 foot by 4 foot by 1.5 foot rock slope protection energy dissipator.

**Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption. California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15269(a)
- Categorical Exemption.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This Project involves repairs to an existing public roadway for the purpose of improving public safety and involves no expansion of existing use. On January 23, 2017, Governor Brown declared the storms that hit California in December of 2016 and January of 2017 created a state of emergency in Santa Cruz County. This project will repair failures along Hopkins Gulch Road that occurred during and as a result of the declared emergency.

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